

NPIC/TSSG/D-1048-68
31 January 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary of the Suggestion Awards Board

THROUGH : Chief, Technical Services & Support Group, NPIC

SUBJECT : Record of Invention Entitled "Advanced Rhomboid Attachment"

1. In the attached memorandum, the Chairman of the CIA Patents Board stated that he is forwarding a copy of the subject Record of Invention for the Awards Board's consideration. The Record of Invention does not direct itself to the economic impact of the invention; therefore, the following factors may be of benefit in fully evaluating the invention.

2. The Advanced Rhomboid Attachment is a device which attaches to an existing [] Zoom 70 Stereoscope to increase its performance characteristics, thereby increasing the useful life and utilization period of that instrument. Two hundred and one Rhomboid Attachments have been purchased to date; therefore, it may be reasonably concluded that the useful lives of at least two hundred and one basic Zoom 70 Stereomicroscopes have been extended. The cost of the Zoom 70 is [] each in lots of five or more and the cost of the Advanced Rhomboid Attachment is [] (in quantities of 201 units).

3. The Attachment raises the performance of the basic Zoom 70 to a level approximately midway between its initial performance (its performance without the attachment) and that of the [] Versatile Stereoscope. The Versatile Stereoscope was originally developed by the Government at a cost of approximately [] and NPIC purchased a second unit at a cost of approximately []. In subsequent joint procurement by the Government, the unit was purchased for [] each in a quantity of twenty-six units. As mentioned above, the subject invention is not equivalent to the Versatile Stereoscope, but the Versatile has the most common characteristics to the Attachment; some of them being superior. The development cost of the Advanced Rhomboid Attachment was approximately [] (borne solely by NPIC).

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4. If specific performance characteristics of any of the above mentioned instruments is required, the undersigned may be contacted for this information on Extension

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

FROM : Chairman, CIA Patents Board

SUBJECT : Determination of Interest

1. The CIA Patents Board has reviewed your Record of Invention entitled "Advanced Rhomboid Attachment".

2. The Board ruled that if the Government employees, [REDACTED] are the sole inventors, the Government has the entire rights, title and interest to this inventor. If the said Government employees are not sole inventors, then the Government has, subject to the terms of the contract between the contractor [REDACTED] and the Government, at least a royalty free license right. This ruling is based on the duty assignments of the inventors and the fact that all time, materials, equipment, and facilities were Government furnished or paid for under Government contracts. The fact that the inventors' primary duties involve initiating and monitoring research and development contracts with private industry also weighed heavily in the Boards' decision.

3. A copy of this Record of Invention has been forwarded to the Executive Secretary of the Suggestion Awards Board for their consideration.

4. A copy of this Record of Invention has been forwarded to the Department of Army for a preliminary patent search. The purpose of the search is to determine whether the device has already been patented or whether it is patentable per se. The results of this preliminary record will be forwarded to the inventors upon receipt from the Department of Army. No further action will be taken by the Board until it has been determined that the device is patentable and the rights of the contractor under the terms of the contract have been defined.

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